



The Insolvency
Service

Insolvency statistics: changes to the publication schedule for statistics on Enforcement Outcomes

Consultation response

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1 Summary

Between 25 May and 17 June 2016, the Insolvency Service invited views on a proposal for a change in the publication schedule of the *Insolvency Service Enforcement Outcomes Quarterly*, from a quarterly bulletin to monthly data tables (with a reduced number of outputs) and an annual commentary supplement. We also consulted on discontinuing the output on the number of suspension of discharge orders (or SoDs) and only reporting allegations on an annual basis. These proposals were set out to meet user needs for more up-to-date data, and address issues of interpreting changes to outcomes (particularly when small changes in the number of outcomes resulted in large percentage changes).

We received three responses to the consultation. All respondents were largely in favour of the proposed changes stated above.

We will follow the proposals set out in the consultation and will publicise dates of the first iterations of the data tables in the usual way via the statistics release calendar on .gov.uk:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements?utf8=%E2%9C%93&organisations%5B%5D=insolvency-service>

2 Our response

2.1 Respondents

We received three responses from: the Chartered Institute of Credit Management (CICM); Burton Sweet Corporate Recovery (BSCR); and R3's Scottish Technical Committee (R3STC). We would like to thank the aforementioned parties for taking part in this consultation exercise.

2.2 Use of data series

CICM responded that they used all of the data series provided whilst **BSCR** stated they whilst they used director disqualifications (DQs) and bankruptcy relief orders/debt relief restriction orders (BROs/DRROs), they had little or no use for the series on winding up orders in the public interest (WUOiPIs) or suspension of discharge orders (SoDs). **R3STC** responded that all committee members used the statistics, but did not specify which data series.

2.3 Views on whether proposed changes would meet user needs

Both **CICM** and **R3STC** responded that the proposed changes would meet user needs, although **R3STC** did request Scottish and English & Welsh enforcement statistics to be shown in one place. **BSCR** responded that the frequency change would be welcome, however the proposed change to move DQ or BRO/DRRO allegations to an annual-only series would be detrimental to their needs.

Producing the allegation tables requires resource to manually compile the data, ensuring it meets standard and then manually linking it to the DQs or BRO/DRRO dataset. We acknowledge the needs of some users to have frequent allegation tables, however, we must also consider the delays this would cause in the release of the monthly tables and consider the vast majority of users who have stated that they need more frequent and timely releases. Allegation data would still be available upon request, however, it would be drawn from a different, manually updated, data source and may not be consistent with existing published figures drawn from our data warehouse.

2.4 Views on whether the removal of outputs on SoDs would affect users

All responses stated that they would not be affected by the removal of this data series.

3 Next steps

We will be developing and testing the processes for compiling data and how to disseminate and present the data in monthly form. As soon as this is completed, we will publicise dates of the first iterations of the data tables in the usual way via the release calendar on .gov.uk:

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